

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
COMPETITIVE NOTICE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Position: Workforce Development Assistant (OA) Series/Grade: GS-102-7	Announcement No: ETA-04-056PN
	Opening Date: March 29, 2004
	Closing Date: April 2, 2004
Salary Range: \$34,184 - \$44,439 (includes locality pay of 14.63%)	Number of Vacancies: One (1)
	Bargaining Unit: Inside – Local 12
Organizational/Geographic Location: Employment & Training Administration Office of the Assistant Secretary Business Relations Group Washington, DC	Promotion Potential: None
	Civil Service Status Required: No
	Temporary Position: No - Permanent
	Part-time Position: No – Full Time
Duty Station: Washington D.C.	Area of Consideration: All Eligible Candidates and *ICTAP Eligibles Within the Local Commuting Area

Applications will also be accepted from persons who qualify under noncompetitive hiring authorities, such as (but not limited to) Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA eligibles), 30% or more compensable veterans, persons with disabilities, Outstanding Scholar, or present/former Peace Corps personnel. Additionally, veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after substantially completing three years of continuous active military service may apply under the Veterans Employment Opportunity Act.

Detailed application instructions and an on-line application form are available on the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Human Resources web site at URL: <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/jobs/>

Position Duties and Responsibilities:
<p>This position is located in the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of the Assistant Secretary, Business Relations Group (BRG). The Business Relations Group (BRG) was created by the Assistant Secretary of ETA in response to the need to develop innovative approaches to helping business and industry better access the services of the state and local workforce investment system and to increase the capacity of the workforce investment system to provide solutions to the workforce challenges faced by business.</p> <p>Duties include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <p>Works in a team environment which requires close coordination among BRG staff and provides technical support to BRG staff who are engaged in workforce development programs.</p> <p>Assists the staff in researching and analyzing workforce needs for industries and/or specific businesses; researches, gathers and assembles data, and drafts papers and topic outlines to support workforce development initiatives. Develops resource materials (<i>i.e.</i>, charts, graphs, spreadsheets) and position papers in support of senior staff. Undertakes special studies, short-term program projects, and research and investigation on matters affecting workforce development programs in assigned area. Prepares outputs from reports data and key data for required reports.</p> <p>Assists in the planning and coordinating of events and meetings; follows-up on activities with workforce, business, and community college partners; tracks and reports outcomes of business partnerships; Maintains reports on Initiative's progress and results for stakeholders.</p> <p>Follows-up on staff assignments, commitments, deadlines, and priorities of the Staff. Responds to routine technical inquiries from other Federal, State, and local government agencies, the press, Congress, labor and employer organizations, and the public. Responses often involve some research of the issues and/or gathering information from a variety of sources to be able to cite appropriate regulations and policies.</p>

Qualification Requirements: (Applicants must meet qualification, legal, and regulatory requirements for the position by closing date of this vacancy announcement.)

Applicants must meet one of the following: Superior academic achievement* **OR** one full year of graduate education **OR** one year of specialized experience to at least the GS-6 grade level **OR** a combination of experience and education.

Specialized experience is experience in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position to be filled (as listed in the above Duties and Responsibilities).

*** Superior academic achievement is based on (1) class standing, (2) grade point average, or (3) honor society membership.**

***ICTAP (Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program candidates):**Applicants applying for special selection priority under 5 CFR Part 330 Subparts C or G (ICTAP), must be well qualified and submit proof of eligibility, i.e., RIF separation notice, certificate of expected separation, or other agency certification that you are in a surplus occupation; submit the last or current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent; apply for a vacancy at or below the grade level from which separated; file an application for a specific vacancy within the time frame indicated in the announcement; and be well qualified for the position. If separated through compensable injury or disability, no performance rating is required. Well qualified is defined as: A rating of at least Good on evaluation factors designed as High (H).

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The following statements apply if checked:

<input type="checkbox"/> Requires a security clearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires a valid drivers license
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires a medical examination	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to geographic mobility
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to financial disclosure requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to drug test prior to appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires a supervisory/managerial probationary period if the requirement has not been met	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to receipt of an official college transcript if qualification was based solely on education or a combination of education and experience.
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to frequent overtime	
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject to frequent travel	

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Applicants meeting the minimum qualification requirements for this position may be further evaluated against other job related factors to determine who will be referred to the selecting official. The rating and ranking of candidates to determine the best qualified will be accomplished by comparing the candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities against those of other eligible candidates for each of the evaluation factors. The most important factors will be designated by the letter (H), indicating high. These factors are essential to the successful performance of the duties of the position. The candidate's experience, training, awards and performance appraisal will be considered in the evaluation process. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all of the information needed by the closing date of this announcement. Current and/or past supervisors may be contacted unless specified otherwise. Applicants may be interviewed by a panel and/or the selecting official or his/her designee.

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications and eligibility requirements for special priority consideration, ICTAP candidates must meet the desired level of performance as indicated by the knowledge, skills, and abilities and be rated well qualified. Well qualified is defined as a rating of at least Good on evaluation factors designed as High (H). It is **highly recommended**, but not required, that all candidates address and submit the evaluation factors on a separate sheet of paper. To be considered Highly Qualified (HQ), applicants need to receive a rating of "High" (H) in all factors listed below designated (H). For ICTAP eligibles to be considered well qualified, they must receive a rating of "High" (H) in factors 1, 2, & 5 and a rating of Medium (M) in factors 3 & 4.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL APPLICANTS ADDRESS EACH OF THE EVALUATION FACTORS LISTED BELOW. FAILURE TO ADDRESS THESE EVALUATION FACTORS MAY IMPACT YOUR FINAL RATING OR RANKING.

EVALUATION FACTORS: Factors designated (H) are rated high.

1. Practical knowledge of an extensive body of workforce development rules, procedures or operations to perform a wide variety of interrelated or nonstandard workforce development work and to resolve a wide range of problems. **(H)**
2. Knowledge of workforce development methods and techniques to analyze, evaluate and improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity of organizations and programs. **(H)**
3. Ability to work effectively with officials inside and outside of the organization, other government agencies, the private sector, business customers, workforce partners, and other constituents. **(M)**

4. Skill in computer applications and associated software in a LAN environment to compile data and to prepare a wide variety of documents and reports, and to maintain and track documents. **(H) (M) for ICTAP Candidates**
5. Ability to communicate both orally and in writing to prepare reports, to communicate findings of data collection and to respond to technical inquiries from inside and outside the agency. **(H)**

HOW TO APPLY

You may submit an Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), a resume **or** any other written format, including a Standard Form (SF) 171, you choose. Certain information is needed in order to evaluate your qualifications for the job, therefore, your application **must** contain the following information:

- Vacancy announcement number, title, series, grade for the job for which you are applying
- Full legal name and mailing address
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Country of Citizenship – **MUST BE U.S. CITIZEN**
- Veterans Preference
- Daytime and evening telephone numbers
- For experiences most relevant to the position, include name of employer, dates of employment, job title, start and end dates, a description of your duties and responsibilities and hours worked per week for each job listed
- Title, series and grade and dates of highest Federal civilian position held
- For education, include name, city, and state of high school and colleges/universities attended as well as date of diploma or GED. Also include type and year of any degrees received and majors. If no degree, include total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. Do not send transcripts unless checked below.
- To receive credit for relevant training, list seminar/course titles, dates, number of hours and name of the institutions from which training was received.
- Description of honors, awards, and special qualifications such as language skills, computer skills along with dates acquired, if relevant to position.
- If applying for reinstatement or transfer, attach a copy of the appropriate SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which confirms your status.

<p>The following material is required if checked:</p> <p><u>X</u> -- Most recent supervisory performance appraisal or a statement with reasons why you do not have a supervisory appraisal is required for all applicants.</p> <p><u>X</u> SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (Required for all current or former federal applicants).</p> <p><u>X</u> -- College transcript (Required if qualifying based solely on education or a combination of education and experience.</p> <p><u>X</u> -- Other: DD-214 and/or SF-15 for VETERANS</p> <p><u>X</u> -- Other: ICTAP Letter for ICTAP Eligibles</p> <p><u>X</u> -- Please complete and submit the attached Applicant Background Questionnaire, OMB No. 1225-0072, with your application. Submission of this form is optional. Data collected will be used only in aggregate, to assess the effectiveness of outreach efforts. Consideration for this job will not be affected by failure to submit this form. We will acknowledge receipt of your application, if it is accompanied with this form.</p>	<p><i>Mail your application to, or secure forms or information from:</i></p> <p>U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Office of Human Resources 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-4656 Washington, DC 20210 Attn: Shelley DeCrane Commercial: (202) 693-3922 Fax: (202) 693-3734 TTY: (202) 693-3924</p> <p>The area of consideration for this position is limited to <u>All Eligible Candidates and *ICTAP Eligibles Within the Local Commuting Area.</u></p> <p>An incomplete application package may result in your being considered ineligible. To receive consideration for this opportunity, <u>your complete application must be in the Office of Human Resources or be postmarked by the closing date of this announcement.</u></p>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS

All qualified candidates will receive consideration for this position without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, labor organization affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factors.

The Department of Labor welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons.

- Use of postage paid government agency envelopes to file job applications is a violation of Federal law and regulation.
- If the position is announced with promotion potential, the incumbent may be promoted without further competition upon meeting all legal regulatory requirements. However, promotion is not guaranteed and no promise is implied.
- Travel and relocation costs will be paid for employees of the Department for promotion. Other moves are payable if relocation is determined to be in the best interest of the government.
- Selection for this position may be made as a result of this announcement or by any other appropriate means including reassignment, reinstatement, new appointment, transfer or change to lower grade.
- Special Note to Outside Applicants: Male applicants between the ages of 18 and 25 are eligible for appointment only after registering with the Selective Service System.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: If you served on active duty in the U.S. Military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. To receive preference, if your service began after October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, service connected disability, or you must have served on active duty during the Gulf War from August 2, 1990 through January 2, 1992.

* To claim 5-point preference, **attach a copy of your DD-214**, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility.

* To claim 10-point preference, **attach an SF-15**, Application for 10-point Veterans' Preference, plus proof required by that form.

The Government Reform Act of 1994 mandates that all Federal employees who are hired after January 1, 1995 must receive their salary via-Direct Deposit/Electronic Fund Transfer or must request a waiver.

WHY WORK FOR US: As a permanent or long term temporary employee with the Department of Labor, you will be entitled to a wide array of benefits. The Federal Employees Health Benefits program has many plans to choose from; all at very reasonable rates which can be paid from pre-tax income. The Federal Employee Retirement System is one of the premier retirement programs in the nation. This program features three components: a retirement pension; the Thrift Savings Plan (an employee controlled investment program); and social security. Federal Employee Group Life Insurance offers numerous life insurance policy options covering employees, spouses and dependents. The leave program offers exceptional time off benefits including annual leave, sick leave, an employee leave share program, Family Friendly Leave, Family Medical Leave, and 10 paid holidays per year. The Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial assistance to make child care more affordable for qualifying employees. Employee Assistance Programs provide confidential counseling and referral services to employees and their family members at no cost as well as periodic seminars on behavioral health issues. You may also be entitled to career development and enrichment training. As an employee of the Employment and Training Administration you will enjoy additional benefits such as the Transportation Subsidy Program (vanpool, commuter vehicle), a pre-tax payroll deduction benefit; and Family Friendly Policies such as alternative work schedules. There are a variety of other services provided such as a cafeteria, Fitness Center, Health Unit, on-site childcare center; credit union, recreation association and store, dry cleaners, and U.S. postal services.

DELEGATED EXAMINING AUTHORIZATION NO. DL-1. Competitive examining authority has been delegated to the Department of Labor by the Office of Personnel Management. Non-status applications will be forwarded to the Delegated Examining Unit for rating, ranking and referral.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

APPLICANT BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

OMB No. 1225-0072
(Exp. 4-30-2002)

FORM APPROVED

The U.S. Department of Labor is requesting your completion of this form to assist the agency in evaluating and improving its efforts to publicize job openings and to encourage applications for employment from a diverse group of qualified candidates, including minorities and persons with disabilities. The Department will use the data you supply to determine how many applicants are from different groups and how many of these applicants are qualified for the job in question. The Department will then assess the effectiveness of specific outreach efforts and means of communicating information on job vacancies in light of this information.

EFFECTS OF NONDISCLOSURE: Providing the information requested on this form is voluntary. This information will have no effect on hiring decisions.

Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Information provided on this form will be used for program evaluation. Personal identifying information will not be included in the tabulation of data in the DOL database.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resource Services Center, FPB, Washington, D.C. 20210; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Solicitation of this information is in accordance with 5 CFR Section 720, Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP).

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name:

Do you have a Disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If You checked Yes above, is your disability one of the

targeted disabilities listed below? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- ☐ Blind
- ☐ Deaf
- ☐ Missing Extremity(s)
- ☐ Partial Paralysis
- ☐ Complete Paralysis
- ☐ Convulsive Disorder
- ☐ Mental Retardation
- ☐ Mental Illness
- ☐ Genetic or physical condition affecting limbs or spine

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Title, Grade, and Announcement Number Of Position for which applying:

ETHNIC SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin? (Definition: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other

Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

RACE SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Please read the descriptions, then mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- ☐ Asian --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- ☐ Black or African American --- A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White --- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THIS VACANCY: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ 1. Magazine
- ☐ 2. Newspaper
- ☐ 3. Radio/Television Broadcast
- ☐ 4. Agency Personnel Office
- ☐ 5. State Employment Office
- ☐ 6. Government Recruitment at School
- ☐ 7. Federal, State, or Local Job Info. Center
- ☐ 8. Friend or Relative Working for the Agency
- ☐ 9. Internet
- ☐ 10. Federal/DOL Jobsline
- ☐ 11. Other

